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memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: M6

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SUBJECT: Review of Special Material Relating to Rosenberg Case (U)

TO: D/DIR

1. (U) On 21 May I reviewed subject material per your request.
2. ~~(TSC)~~ As a result of this review, it is my opinion that we should not release this material because of the following:
 - a. The release of this SIGINT, derived from Soviet intercept, could set an undesirable precedent.
 - b. It was obviously published as end-product by the British Government (GCHQ), and as such cannot be unilaterally declassified by the U.S.
 - c. Information contained in these reports involve other countries, and its release could prove embarrassing to the U.S.
 - d. Dates included on material show current exploitation by A Group.
 - e. Certain of the agents revealed in this material may still be under observation.
 - f. There are Privacy Act considerations.
 - g. Even though articles have been written on this subject no official public Government confirmation has been made.
3. ~~(S-CCO)~~ If, in spite of the above considerations, a decision is made to release this material it could be sanitized using the SEC DEF approved declassification guidelines, which involve such things as:
 - a. Concurrence of British Government to sanitize this material and agreement on procedures to be followed.
 - b. Removal of all British footprints.

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- c. Deletion of agents names as appropriate.
- d. Removal of COMINT codewords.
- e. Protection of COMINT sources and methods.

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